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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN-FRENCH RELATIONS: A GLIMMER OF LIGHT

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1. ON JUNE 25, FON MIN BOUTEFLIKA RECEIVED FRENCH
AMBASSADOR DE COMMINES FOR WHAT PRESS DESCRIBED AS
"TOUR D'HORIZON ON ALGERIAN-FRENCH RELATIONS
FOLLOWING BOUTEFLIKA'S DECLARATION ON CARRYING OUT AND
EXPANDING ALGERO-FRENCH COOPERATION AND POSITION OF
PARIS REFLECTED IN DECLARATION OF PRESIDENT OF FRENCH
REPUBLIC." MEETING FOLLOWED BY FOUR DAYS RELEASE OF
SIX FRENCHMEN SERVING JAIL SENTENCES IN ALGERIA FOR
"ECONOMIC ESPIONAGE" AND PRESIDENT GISCARD'S EXPRESSION
OF THANKS FOR RELEASES. COMMINES USED MEETING TO
PRESENT MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER DE GUIR-
INGAUD.

2. IN MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR LATER ON JUNE 25,
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COMMINES SAID THAT THIS WAS FIRST TIME HE HAD HAD
SUBSTANTIVE, ONE ON ONE MEETING WITH BOUTEFLIKA
SINCE COMING HERE TWO YEARS AGO. ALTHOUGH
HE WAS UNWILLING TO DISCUSS WITH AMBASSADOR WHAT HE
AND BOUTEFLIKA HAD TALKED ABOUT, COMMINES DID NOTE
BOUTEFLIKA'S COMMENT THAT GOA WOULD NOT TAKE SIDES
IN FORTHCOMING FRENCH ELECTIONS. ALGERIAN

RELATIONS WITH CURRENT FRENCH GOVERNMENT TOO IMPORTANT TO PERMIT THIS, IN MINISTER'S VIEW.

3. COMMENT: FRENCH APPEAR AT LEAST TO HAVE MOVED TO DOOR OF DOG HOUSE AND MAY BE ON THEIR WAY OUT. ALGERIANS CLEARLY PLEASED AT GISCARD'S RECOGNITION OF THEIR RELEASE OF PRISONERS AND DOUBTLESS ARE ANXIOUS NOT TO DAMAGE THEIR IMPORTANT COOPERATION AGREEMENTS WITH FRANCE. WE SUSPECT THAT BOUTEFILKA IS MASTERMINDING THIS EFFORT AT CONCILIATION. WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW FAR HE CARRIES IT AND IN PARTICULAR HOW MUCH ASSIDIOUS ALGERIAN CULTIVATION OF FRENCH LEFT DECLINES.HAYNES

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